

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2128 - SB 2233

February 8, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that a county, which is a part of a multiple county judicial district and authorized to collect, as a part of court costs on misdemeanor and felony cases a charge of \$12.50 to defray the costs of providing representation to indigent defendants, will remit these funds to the Executive Director of the Public Defenders Conference to be used to provide funding to the office of the public defender in such multi-county judicial district. Currently, these funds are being collected and expended by the county for the district public defender for that multi-county district. The bill provides that these funds will not revert to the state general fund, but would be carried forward for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Changes the method of disbursement for approximately \$273,500 earmarked for the use of public defenders in multi-county districts.

Estimate is based upon revenues currently being collected in multi-county judicial districts. Revenues are currently earmarked for use by public defenders in such multi-county districts and will continue to be earmarked for public defenders in the same multi-county districts.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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